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At the Stockholm WFC meeting in May 1959 he stated:

"I hail this meeting as a manifestation of the growing breadth and strength of the World Movement for Peace. . . . Millions all over the world reject the view that misery is man's fate. They will no longer tolerate the barbarous and backward doctrine that the horrors of war and the threat of total annihilation are man's penalty for being born. It is curious that in an epoch when millions are throwing off the shackles of the past. . .there are so many intellectuals who cling to the ideology of despair. I regret that the prophets of doom are too influential in my country, but in the United States, as in all other countries, the realistic optimism of the people exposes the hollow platitudes of these bogus thinkers. This congress symbolizes the triumph of hope over fear, and of the future over the past. . . ."

(Radio Moscow May 10, 1959)